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Tadahiro Ohmi et al) Art Group: 1763

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Responsive to an Office Communication dated November 29, 2002, having a due date of December 30, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment.

<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-11 are pending and rejected in this application.

Claims 1, 2, and 11 are amended hereby. Applicants submit that none of the changes set forth herewith constitute new matter.

Responsive to the assessment that the reply filed on October 7, 2002, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omissions or matters: it appears that the response is missing pages and/or is missing the amendments to claims 1 and 2 which are indicated in the response (see 37 CFR §

1.111), Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, and 11 to thereby provide the missing subject matter from the previous response.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 260/485-6001.

Respectfully submitted,

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